

REMARKS

The subject application is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/014660. The original application includes claims 1 - 21. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 10 has been amended to remove multiple dependencies therein, claims 18 - 20 have been amended to correct informalities therein, and new dependent claims 22 and 23 have been added. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 - 23 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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